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BOE Chairman Supports Legislative Audit of Headquarters Building Repair Costs

Sacramento – California State Board of Equalization (BOE) Chairman Jerome E. Horton announced he fully supports Assemblymember Roger Dickinson’s request that the Legislature’s Joint Legislative Audit Committee (JLAC) authorize an audit of the costs and benefits of keeping employees in its troubled headquarters building at 450 N Street in Sacramento, or moving them to a consolidated location. The request will be made during JLAC’s meeting today at 2 p.m. in Room 126 at the California State Capitol.

“Purchasing and continuing to operate this building is one of the biggest blunders in state history. This building costs more than the State Capitol to operate, and it is fiscally irresponsible for the state to continue to throw good money into a bad building,” said Chairman Horton. “I am confident the audit will show it is in the best interest of our BOE employees and the taxpayers of California to escape this fiscal nightmare.”

The Board will consider sponsorship of legislation by Assemblymember Dickinson during its monthly meeting on March 25, 2014. [Assembly Bill 1656](#) states legislative intent to authorize the Department of General Services, with the BOE’s consent, to enter into agreements for planning, constructing, and acquiring facilities to consolidate and relocate.

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Elected in 2010, Chairman Jerome E. Horton is the Fourth District Member of the California State Board of Equalization, representing more than 8.5 million residents in Los Angeles County. He is also the Board of Equalization’s Legislative Committee Chairman. He is the first to serve on the Board of Equalization with over 21 years of experience at the BOE. Horton previously served as an Assembly Member of the California State Assembly from 2000-2006.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board of Equalization collects more than \$56 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit www.taxes.ca.gov.

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